

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LANE COUNTY, OREGON

ORDER AND
RESOLUTION
NO: 21-09-28-06

In the Matter of

DECLARING THE
SECOND MONDAY OF
EACH OCTOBER
INDIGENOUS
PEOPLES' DAY

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners recognizes that the Indigenous peoples of the lands that would later become known as the Americas have lived on these lands since time immemorial; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners honors the fact that the County is built upon the traditional homelands of the Kalapuya peoples and recognizes the inherent sovereignty of the nine federally recognized tribal nations in the State of Oregon and all Indigenous peoples everywhere; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners values the many contributions made to our community through Indigenous peoples' knowledge, labor, technology, science, philosophy, arts and the deep cultural contribution that has substantially shaped the character of Lane County); and

WHEREAS, Lane County has a responsibility to oppose the systematic racism towards Indigenous people in Lane County and across the United States which perpetuates high rates of poverty and income inequality, exacerbating disproportionate health, education, and social crises; *and*

WHEREAS, Indigenous Peoples' Day was first proposed in 1977 by a delegation of Native Nations to the United Nations sponsored International Conference on Discrimination Against Indigenous Populations in the Americas; *and*

WHEREAS, Lane County is committed to protecting and advocating for justice, human rights, and the dignity of all people who live, work, and play in Lane County, and to supporting the principles contained in the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (the "Declaration") endorsed by the United States on December 16, 2010; *and*

WHEREAS, The Declaration recognizes the right of Indigenous peoples "to the dignity and diversity of their cultures, traditions, histories and aspirations which shall be appropriately reflected in education and public information," and places an obligation on States to "take effective measures, in consultation and cooperation with the Indigenous peoples concerned, to combat prejudice and eliminate discrimination and to promote tolerance, understanding and good relations among Indigenous peoples and all other segments of society;" *and*

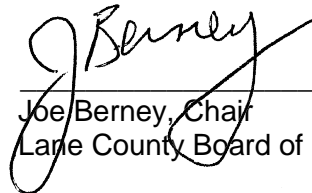
WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners understands that colonization not as an historic event but as an ongoing structure predicated on the elimination of Indigenous life and land, and contends that the celebration of Christopher Columbus and his alleged

“discovery” of Indigenous lands celebrates the colonization and dispossession of Indigenous peoples throughout the Americas.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of County Commissioners of Lane County **ORDERS and RESOLVES** as follows:

1. The Board of Commissioners understands that colonization is not a historic event but an ongoing structure predicated on the elimination of Indigenous life and land, and contends that the celebration of Christopher Columbus and his alleged “discovery” of Indigenous lands celebrates the colonization and dispossession of Indigenous peoples throughout the Americas.
2. Lane County shall utilize the second Monday in October as an opportunity to reflect upon the ongoing struggles of Indigenous people of this land, to celebrate the thriving cultures and values of the Indigenous Peoples of our region, and to stand in solidarity with Indigenous peoples elsewhere.
3. The Board of Commissioners encourages other businesses, organizations, and public institutions to recognize Indigenous Peoples’ Day on the second Monday in October.
4. The Board of Commissioners firmly commits to support meaningful consultation between indigenous peoples and Lane County government and to continue its efforts to promote the wellbeing and growth of Lane County’s Indigenous community.

ADOPTED this 28th day of September, 2021.



Joe Berney, Chair
Lane County Board of Commissioners